similar other legislations to curb unfair trade practices indulged in by traders and prevent diversion of PDS commodities into the open market. They have also been requested to constitute Vigilance Committees at the Fair Price Shop level to oversee the supply and distribution of PDS commodities. The Revamped PDS scheme has been launched with effect from 1.1.1992 to improve the reach of the PDS in desert, drought-prone, hilly and tribal areas. Two million tonnes of foodgrains have been earmarked as additional allocation for areas covered by RPDS.

Appointment of Director, Super Bazar

2436. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the terms and conditions including all perks, facilities on which Director of Super Bazar is appointed;

(b) whether the present Director's house rent is about Rs. 14,500/- per month and an air conditioned car has been purchased for his use;

(c) if so, the details and authorities who sanctioned these things;

(d) what is the monthly expenditure incurred for running the car;

(e) whether the Ministry had disapproved renting of such premises at such a high rent and whether six months rent was paid in advance;

(f) whether Rs. two lakhs have been spent for furnishing and purchase of two conditioners and who approved them;

(g) whether Government (Ministry) have received any communication from any member in this matter; and

(h) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) There is no post of Director in Super Bazar, Delhi either in the Managing Committee or Executive Management.

(b) to (h) Do not arise.

आयातित खाद्य तेलों के वितरण के संबंध में निर्धारित मानदंड

2437. श्री अजीत जोगी :
चौधरी हरि सिंह :

क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) आयातित खाद्य तेलों के वितरण के लिये क्या-क्या मानदण्ड निर्धारित किये गये हैं;

(ख) क्या आयातित खाद्य तेलों के प्रयोग के संबंध में कोई मूल्यांकन किया गया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों का आयातित खाद्य तेल का आवंटन, आयातित तेल की उपलब्धता, राज्य सरकारों की मांग तथा पहले आवंटित किए गए खाद्य तेल को उठाने की गति आदि जैसी बातों को ध्यान में रखते हुए मासिक आधार पर किया जाता है।

(ख) और (ग) राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों का आयातित खाद्य तेल का आवंटन केवल सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के लिए किया जाता है। राज्य के भीतर उसके आवंटन की जिम्मेदारी संबंधित राज्य सरकार की होती है।

Recommendations of Central Consumer's Protection Council

2438. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Consumer's Protection Council has recommended for setting up of quasi Judicial Corporation for regularising the working of public utility services like Telecommunications, Banking, Insurance, Transport, Electricity, Irrigation etc; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS-

TRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recommendation has to be examined in details.

Setting up of National Institute of Consumer Affairs

2439. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a National Institute of Consumer Affairs at Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (c) The Government has received a proposal from Govt. of Andhra Pradesh to set up a National Institute for Consumer Research and Training at Hyderabad at an estimated cost of Rs. 3.5 crores which is under consideration. The object of the proposed institute is to undertake and assist in organisation of training and study courses, conferences, seminars; to undertake research; to establish and maintain libraries and information services; to conduct surveys and studies etc.

Expansion of Consumer Cooperatives

2440. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government are contemplating expansion of Consumer Cooperatives in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details of steps proposed to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) Cooperation is a state subject and hence it is for the State Governments to initiate necessary steps to make the Consumer Cooperatives more effective for which they have already been advised.

Pending cases before State Consumer Forum in Maharashtra

2441. SHRI ADIK GOVINDRAO WAMANRAO : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases of claims pending before the State Consumer Forum in Maharashtra as on 1st August, 1993;

(b) what are the reasons for such inordinate delay in disposing of these cases;

(c) the number of cases from the city of greater Bombay so pending; and

(d) the measures taken for early disposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (d) Government of Maharashtra have compiled information upto June, 1993. As per information available on that date 9698 cases are pending in the Consumer Fora in Maharashtra, out of which 2029 cases are pending with the two consumer fora in Bombay City. Non-availability of (1) qualified persons for appointment as President of the District Fora; (2) technical staff like stenographers; and (3) suitable accommodation are some of the reasons for dealy in disposing of the cases.

The measures being taken by the State Government of Maharashtra in reducing the delay in deciding cases include appointment of full-time Presidents, training of non-judicial members of the consumer fora, filling up staff vacancies, location of suitable accommodation and creation of necessary infrastructure.

Gap between demand and production of coal

2442. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that country's coal